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# Historic commission denies parking plan

> *"Another (Undergroud Railroad) station was said to have been in a building now occupied by the Saxton Feed Company on Ann Arbor Trail.*

Plans to demolish three historic buildings, one an Underground Railroad site, to make way for more downtown parking were abruptly halted last week by members of the Plymouth Historic District Commission.

After more than four hours of discussion, including opinions from business owners and residents who often strongly differed on the question, the six commission members in attendance voted against the plan of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to develop a 90-spot parking lot at the corner of Deer and Ann Arbor Trail.

The proposal would have demolished the Saxton's building and the neighboring building which now houses a train shop and a ticket broker. A vacant house at 674 Maple, an adjacent lot, would also be razed as part of the DDA plan.

The commissioners heard from business owners and operators along with residents, many of whom heatedly disagreed about the best use of the site. More than 100 people crowded the Plymouth City Hall meeting room for the much-publicized meeting last Wednesday, Dec. 2 which continued until after 11 p.m.

Historic Commission members said more information was needed before they could consider approving the razing of the buildings.

Daniel B. Sabo, the great-grandson of George Anson Starkweather (1826-1907) who was Plymouth Village President and Plymouth Township supervisor, and the grandson of Karl Starkweather for whom Starkweather School is named, has been adamantly opposed to the razing of the buildings. He quoted research by Mildred Hanchett, who authored, The Underground Railroad in the Wayne Area.

"Another station was said to have been in a building now occupied by the Saxton Feed Company on Ann Arbor Trail, about where Penniman Avenue branches off below the park. Some time ago this building was being remodeled, and it was found that there was a false ceiling, with a space between it and the other ceiling, where the

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# Swingers...

## Circus performance is planned New Years Eve

The Circus is coming to the Village Theater in Canton just in time to help ring in the New Year. The Detroit Circus will present a high energy performance beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 on the main stage, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Audiences will see high-flying aerial antics on fabric and the trapeze; fire dancing and eating; stilt walking and stilt acrobatics, along with feats of mind-bending strength.

This is an animal-free circus.

In addition to the performance on stage, audience members can enjoy a special preshow event starting at 6 p.m., featuring on-site face painting artists and strolling circus entertainers.

The Detroit Circus has been dazzling audiences for the past several years with their acrobatic skills and gravity defying acts, according to an announcement from the township. Members of the aerial acrobatics troupe are known for their ability to tie themselves into ornate poises utilizing silks hung from the rafters and captivate audience members with grace, poise and incredible strength.

During this performance, skilled aerialists will dance, weave and flow through the air, while aerial hoop performers display lyrical flexibility and astonishing strength as they contort and spin. Adagio Acrobatic members will also amaze viewers with their challenging body balancing, yoga, and flexible maneuvers requiring two partners, who appear to push the limits of physics.

These jaw-dropping performances are sure to thrill fans of all ages. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or in person at the Village Theater box office from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday - Friday. Tickets include popcorn and a non-alcoholic beverage.

For more information about this performance, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

# Donations needed at Northville Civic Concern

More than 180 Northville families' well-being was threatened last month when thieves broke into the offices of Northville Civic Concern, a nonprofit group that provides food and help to needy families.

Marlene Kunz, the director of operations for Civic Concern, said the group is now in need of contributions to help the families who depend on the organization for groceries and other necessities.

The thieves broke doors and left records strewn around the office while they stole food and gift and gas cards.

Kunz said that the organization is desperately attempting to restock the shelves for the holidays with donated items.

Civic Concern is seeking donations of gas and gift cards and non-expired canned or boxed food - fruit, soup, cereals, side dishes and canned meat/fish products. Donations can be taken to the Northville Civic Concern office at 43261 West Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza . Drop-offs may be made 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. During other hours, items can be dropped off at Cassel's Restaurant or World Wide Alterations also in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza. In the downtown area, food donations are accepted at Genitti's Restaurant, The UPS Store, Great Harvest Bread Company, and Northville City Hall.

The "Simply Give" program at the Northville Meijer at Eight Mile and Haggerty will continue through the first of the year. The purchase of a $10 donation card at each register directly benefits Civic Concern. Look for the "Simply Give" display boards near the registers. The Meijer Corporation matches each $10 donation.

The break-in and theft remains under investigation by Northville police.

For more information, visit http://northvillevolunteer.wix.com/civicconcern or call Northville Civic Concern at (248) 344-1033 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

## In the spirit

Lake Pointe Bible church in Plymouth will present a live manger scene From 6-8 p.m. Dec. 19. Included will be the babe in swaddling clothes in the manger, young shepherds watching over their flocks of sheep and goats and the wise men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The hallelujah chorus will entertain visitors while a roaring fire will keep them warm. Refreshments will be available during the free, interactive, family friendly event. Lake Pointe Bible is located at 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth, MI 48170. The living Nativity scene will take place in the field behind the church and will proceed rain or shine. Visitors are advised to dress warmly. Parking is available in the rear lot. Additional parking is accessible in the front of the church with overflow parking located across the street at the Plymouth Senior Station located at 42375 Schoolcraft Road.

# Canton - Northville

## Pay raises for part-time workers are OK'd

It will be a happier new year for part-time workers in Canton Township where officials have approved new pay rates for employees.

Beginning Jan. 1, wages will range from $10 to $29.50 for various part-time workers, from day-camp counselors to professional building inspectors. Canton employs more than 300 part-time workers in the Leisure Services Department, many seasonal employees.

Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz told the members of the township board of trustees that the department is desperate to secure new employees, noting that lifeguards are difficult to hire.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said he felt the pay increases were necessary to help the township hire new employees. He noted that the improving economy is giving potential workers more choices.

Members of the board of trustees unanimously approved the new pay rates. LaJoy noted that Canton part-time employees have not received a wage increase since 2014 when the new minimum wage federal rules were effective. He added that the wage increase would help Canton secure the necessary employees to staff many of the programs., while some higher-paid jobs will not see an increase.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz described the part-time workers as "the lifeblood of our department."

Available part-time positions are currently listed on the township website, www.canton-mi.org.

### Special friends

The Canton Police Department recently received a donation of stuffed teddy bears from the Knights of Columbus Councils #8284, and #16169, both located in Canton. The teddy bears will be used to comfort distraught young children who may have witnessed or been a victim of a criminal incident or tragedy. "We appreciate the generous donation from both K of C Councils, the teddy bears will be put to good use," said Community Relations Ofc. Patty Esselink. Accepting the donation are, from left, David Lengel, Grand Knight #8284, Mike Goodhart, Deputy Grand Knight #8284, Esselink; Jim Pryce, Grand Knight #16169 and Craig Pryce, #16169.

## Tipping Point presents 'Kalamazoo' for holidays

Tipping Point Theater will present Kalamazoo by Michelle Kholos Brooks and Kelly Younger through Dec. 20 with a special News Year's Eve performance.

In this love story, two mismatched seniors are forced into internet dating by their children. After their crazy, margarita-filled first date, however, they discover love isn't any easier the second time around. Peg and Irving still have a little aging to do if they want to forget their past, and move forward into a future together.

"A whirlwind of laughter, love, and romance is what audience members can expect to see," said director Christopher Bremer. "It is one of the sweetest, funniest plays to come up in recent years. The pedigree is amazing considering one of the authors is Mel Brooks' daughter".

Kalamazoo curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Kalamazoo is a co-production with the Jewish Ensemble Theatre (JET).

On New Year's Eve, the performance of Kalamazoo will include an afterglow provided by Rocky's of Northville, and a toast to the New Year with beer, wine, and champagne. Tickets are priced at $85 ($40 tax deductible) and $45 for SeasonPASS Ticket holders ($40 tax deductible)

The theater is located at 361. E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are $30 to $33 for adults, $28 to $31 for students and senior citizens. For tickets or more information calling the box office at (248) 347-0003.

## Magician will bring annual show to Village Theater

Las Vegas magician and Michigan native Aaron Radatz will be returning to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill for shows at 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26

Radatz, who was recently featured on Masters of Illusion, will be presenting his One Man Show of magic and comedy with a holiday flavor geared to entertain the entire family. Performing at this venue has become a holiday tradition for Radatz who has entertained at sold-out shows in Canton for eight consecutive years.

Radatz was born and raised in Detroit and began his magic career at the age of 6 after receiving a magic set from his grandmother for Christmas. He continued honing his craft while attending Catholic Central High School and Central Michigan University where he recently received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

Radatz is no stranger to the metro Detroit area with performances over the years for General Motors, Chrysler, Soaring Eagle Casino, Andiamo's, Jeff Daniels, the Detroit Tigers, and several others. Time Magazine said, "He is the magician to see."

Recently Radatz completed his first headliner engagement at one of the premier casinos on the famed Las Vegas Strip as well as a live national tour of the television series Masters of Illusion on which Radatz was one of the featured performers.

He has studied with many of the masters of magic and was the only magician to have served an apprenticeship with Harry Blackstone, Jr. His unique combination of amazing illusions, entertainment and audience participation has captivated audiences around the globe. To date, Radatz has toured 45 U.S. states, 37 countries and six continents.

For additional information, visit www.aaronradatz.com.

Tickets range from $18 to $24 and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

## Tablescaping Tea planned

A Tablescaping Tea is planned at Mill Race Historical Village in Northville this Saturday, Dec. 12, organized by members of the Northville Historical Society.

Because Christmas is, in part, celebrated around the table, Phyllis Barkey, of Relevant Tea Leaf, will demonstrate how to create a glittering tablescape that will delight all the senses.

Victoria's Tea Salon will serve an assortment of tea sandwiches, scones and decadent desserts. The signature Cady House Tea will be served on fine china.

Northville Historical Society Teas sell out very quickly, a spokesperson noted. Tickets for a Mad Hatter Tea will go on sale at the J.M. Mead general store in the Village during the tea on Dec. 12. The Feb. 6 tea will include a presentation on hats and features a hat contest for guests with prizes for the best hat and the most unusual hat.

Tickets are limited and are priced at $35 or $30 for Northville Historical Society members. Proceeds benefit Mill Race Historical Village. For more information, contact the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday or visit www.millracenorthville.org.

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# WESTLAND

# Early success

## Junior Achievement involvement aids honor student's financial confidence

Jayln Barnett is looking forward to economic success when she enters college next year and is confident that she will be able to effectively handle her finances throughout her future.

She credits that confidence to her involvement with Junior Achievement of South Eastern Michigan, where she was a presenter at the Junior Achievement breakfast at Quicken Loans in downtown Detroit.

Barnett, an honor roll student at Romulus High School, said she was able to learn, first-hand the ins and outs of budgeting her finances and the importance of continuing her education as part of the Junior Achievement experience.

Barnett, a 17-year-old senior, is also a student athlete who plays both volleyball and basketball.

"Next fall I will enter my freshman year of college. I never thought this would be possible," Barnett said.

"Before I came to JA(Junior Achievement), I didn't understand budgeting, or feel confident in my ability to make important life decisions. Junior Achievement inspired me and I believe that I am in charge of my future. I can pursue all my dreams and I am able to deal with adversity along the way.

"I am one of many JA students who will use their training to not only invigorate the economy, but forever change the landscape of the business world," Barnett said.

According to the Junior Achievement website, inspiring and preparing young people to own their economic future is a difficult task. The need to educate youth has never been more important, the organization said. Studies show 46 percent of teens do not know how to create a budget and nearly 50 percent of teens are unsure of how to use a credit card effectively. Junior Achievement attempts to teach students, with help from volunteers, the path to financial responsibility. To find out more about the Junior Achievement program visit www.jamichigan.org

Linda Ratliff-Watkins of Junior Achievement and Romulus Senior Jalyn Barnett

# Cuts to 'fire crews' proposed in Van Buren

A proposed elimination of the duty crews from the Van Buren Township Fire Department prompted audience comments at a public hearing regarding the budget recently.

The expense of manning each fire hall with a two-person team in 12-hour shifts to provide 24-hour, seven-day a week coverage has become too costly for the township with the failure of the proposed Public Safety Millage at the polls, officials said. The staffing, called duty crews, provide immediate response to emergency calls, rather than waiting for firefighters to respond from their homes.

Ethan Vinson, the township insurance contract attorney, sent an email Nov. 13 stating that the township was dropping the duty crews and seeking a meeting date with fire department union officials to discuss the matter. The email was widely circulated throughout the township, prompting questions and comments during the public hearing. Resident John Delaney said that 4-mills were approved by voters for the fire department in 2007 which was intended to provide 24 hour-seven day coverage along with a five-beat police patrol system which never materialized.

"We voted to keep the duty crew," Delaney said, "and now your thoughts are to drop the duty crew. We got lied to again."

Resident Don Schoenberger read the email from Vinson aloud and said, "To me, that's a scare tactic." Schoenberger was critical of the 1.5 percent pay raises approved in the budget. "People should not be getting a raise in salaries. So underpaid? Quit," he said.

He also told the board that this was a bait and switch tactic.

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Linda Combs, invited Schoenberger to township hall to discuss the issue with Public Safety Director Greg Laurain and Deputy Director Jason Wright. She said she would try to have members of the fire department there to provide information about the issue.

There was discussion of the recent $650,000 lawsuit settlement against the township but no discussion of the general fund budget of $11,179,154 or proposed expenditures of $14,368,353.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
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Gwyn Belcher, ADA Coordinator
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
**Tuesday, December 15, 2015**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a Public Hearing will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate request for improvements at FZB Technology, Inc., 44099 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Suite 101, Plymouth, MI 48170. The request is available for inspection from 8-4:30 daily in the Clerk's Office. During the public hearing which begins at 7:00 pm., any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

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**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – December 1, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony (Arrived at 6:37p.m.), Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Trumbull, Carolyn Cox, Mike Sheppard Guests: Jason Smith, Wade Trim **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to amend the agenda to add Item G-1: Rescind Approval of Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County Michigan Relative to the Boundaries of the Corporate Park and Central Business Overlay Districts as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Rescind Approval of Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County Michigan Relative to the Boundaries of the Corporate Park and Central Business Overlay Districts (Supv)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve to rescind the Board action of November 10, 2015, holding the second reading and adopting the Ordinance amending Appendix A to the Charter Township of Canton Code of Ordinances relative to the boundaries of the Corporate Park and Central Business Overlay Districts. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to table this matter for further discussion until the January 26, 2016, regular Board meeting. Motion carried by all members present. On October 27 and November 10, 2015, the Board held first and second readings of an ordinance that would amend the boundaries of the Corporate Park and Central Business Overlay Districts. The amendment is scheduled to otherwise take effect this Thursday, December 3, 2015. Since the second reading was held, some additional information has come to light that reveals that further study of this matter may be required. After discussion with staff, and concerns raised by neighboring property owners, it appears it would be appropriate to delay final action on this matter. Additionally, given the type of change that is being proposed, the Township has been advised that it would be prudent to send out notices to adjacent property owners. Since the ordinance has had the required two readings, but is not yet effective, it would be appropriate to stay the final adoption with a vote to rescind the second reading. The matter could then be tabled to the January 26, 2016 for further discussion and consideration of the second reading. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to move from General Session to Study Session at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC: Discussion: CDBG 5 Year Consolidated Plan (FBD)** Presentation by Jason Smith of Wade Trim: **CONSOLIDATED PLAN:** The Township's five-year Strategic Plan that governs the use of federal housing and community development funds for FY 2016/2017 thru 2020/2021. CONSOLIDATED PLAN Four Main Functions: A planning document for Canton Township Serves as an application for federal funds under HUDS CDBG formula grant program. Blueprint for funding project over five years Document four grants Identifies strategies for carrying out Community Development goals An action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance Components of the Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan that sets Goals and Objectives for 2016/2017 thru 2020/2021 Update to the Citizen Participation Plan Identification of needs and priorities throughout the Township through data analysis and consultation with stakeholders and public Housing Assessment and Needs Homeless Assessment and Needs Community Development Assessment and Needs Special Needs Population Assessment and Needs ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN The Township's annual one year plan that describes specifically how federal funds will be spent over the course of the upcoming year. Projects geared to accomplish the goals started in the Consolidated Plan. Funds that are encompassed in this plan are: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) PROGRAMS CDBG Funds can be used for: Infrastructure Home Owner Rehabilitation Public Facilities Improvements Public Service Projects – (Usually 501-C3) Etc. FY 2015, $330,769 in CDBG funding will be allocated Funds are subject to a 15% Public Service Cap & 20% Administration Cap PROJECT ELIGIBILITY These funds must assist low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals and families. Activities Benefiting Low and Moderate Income Persons (Area/Client Based) Activities Which Aid in the Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight Activities Designed to Meet Community Development Needs Having a Particular Urgency. CDBG HIGHLIGHTS In Canton, CDBG funds have been used for: - Heritage Park Restroom ADA Renovations Summit Splash Pad Pathways Renovation - Home Owner Rehabilitation - Public Service Projects: First Step – Services for victims of domestic violence Senior's Legal Services Wayne Metro – Rental Assistance Tutoring Services for at-risk youth CITIZEN DRIVEN PLAN The Consolidated Plan is a citizen driven plan Opportunities to participate: Online survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2B7CBTZ 5 Public Meetings – (Township Board, CDBG Advisory Council, and Workshop) 30-Day Public comment Period (Draft Document available for Public Review) SCHEDULE: **Date and Purpose:** Sept. 9, 2015 CDBG Advisory Council Public Meeting (Public Meeting #1) Dec. 1, 2015 Township Board Study Session (Public Meeting #2) Jan.-Feb. 2016 Public Meeting #3 (Con Plan/Fair Housing) March 2016 CDBG Advisory Council Public Meeting (Public Meeting #4) March-April 2016 Draft Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and A1 Available For 30-Day Public Review April 2016 Public Meeting #5 (Township Board Adoption) August 15, 2016 Deadline for Submission to HUD QUESTIONS: Treasurer McLaughlin asked how widely the survey will be published. Mr. Smith replied it will be in the FOCUS, a link on the township website, paper copies will be available at the Administration Building, as well at all the meetings. Possibly the Summit and the Library. Trustee Sneideman asked if one year plans are done throughout the five year plan. Mr. Smith replied yes. Trustee Williams asked are there sidewalk-gap issues in the upper right-hand quadrant of the township. Supervisor LaJoy replied yes. Williams suggested the township investigate overhead type of crosswalks in the Haggerty and Michigan area. Williams suggested possible College Tuition Grants in the future. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **Terry G. Bennett, Clerk**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish: December 10, 2015 EC121015-1227 2.5 x 7.102

**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – November 24, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 24 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Members Absent: Bennett Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Mutchler, Director Trumbull Staff Absent: Kristin Kolb **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Anthony, supported by Yack to amend the agenda to add Item G-11: Approve IT Services – Fire Station #2 T1 Communications Line. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to approve the Board Minutes of November 10, 2015 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** Bob McCausland, 2011 Lotz Road, inquired about a recent change in the overlay zoning for Lotz Road area. **Payment of Bills** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Accept and Concur with the Adoption of the Cisman Future Land Use Map Amendment (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to accept and concur with the Planning Commission's action on November 2, 2015 to approve an amendment to the Future land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan amending the designation on parcel no. 126-99-0008-701 from Medium-Low Density Residential (up to 3 d.u.s/acre) to Medium Density Residential (up to 4 d.u.s/acre). Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of a Special Land Use for the Life Church Annex. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Special Land Use for the Life Church Annex WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor has requested approval of a special land use for a religious institution, located on the east side of Haggerty and north of Warren Road, on parcel no. 046-99-0002-011; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the special use and made a recommendation to approve the request; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Life Church, to approve the special land use for a religious institution on parcel 046-99-0002-011, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item G-3. Accept and Concur with Adoption of the McClumpha Future Land Use Map Amendment. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to accept and concur with the Planning Commission's action on November 2, 2015 to approve an amendment to the Future land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan amending the designation on parcel nos. 025-99-0004-701 and 026-99-0001-701 from Rural Residential (up to 1 d.u./2 acres) to Very-Low Density Residential (up to 1 d.u./acre.). Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-4. Consider Site Plan Approval for the Regency of Canton Expansion. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Site Plan for Regency of Canton Expansion WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Brian Jilbert, has requested site plan approval for the Regency of Canton Expansion to be located on Geddes Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads, identified as tax EDP #112-99-0014-702; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Brian Jilbert, to approve the site plan for the proposed Regency of Canton Expansion subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item G-5. Consider Approval of the Final Plat for Sheldon Estates Subdivision. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Approval of the Final Plat for Sheldon Estates Subdivision WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor has requested approval of the final plat for Sheldon Estates Subdivision located on Sheldon Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer Roads on parcel no. 085-99-005-701; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning and Engineering Officials have reviewed the final plat and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant approval of the final plat, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner to grant approval of the final plat for the proposed Sheldon Estates Subdivision subject to any and all state and local development as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item G-6. Consider Site Plan Approval for T. J. Maxx Store. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Site Plan for T.J. Maxx WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Lonny Zimmerman, has requested site plan approval for T.J. Maxx to be located on Canton Center Road between Ford and Saltz Roads, identified as part of tax EDP #061-99-0003-705; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval conditioned upon the items listed in the staff analysis and Planning Commission recommendation as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Lonny Zimmerman, to approve the site plan for the proposed T.J. Maxx subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item G-7. Consider an Increase in the Contract Amount for Professional Engineering Services to Northwest Consultants, Inc. for the Wayne County Roads Initiative. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to approve a contract amendment with Northwest Consultants, Inc. in the amount of $186,944.50 for the 2016 Wayne County Townships Residential Road Initiative and amend purchase order #2015-2556 in this amount to be funded from the capital projects, roads fund. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to approve the following budget amendment: Increase Revenues: 403-506-02.686_0010 Reimbursement – HOA $353,384 Increase Expenditures: 403-506-02.801_0040 Professional Services Engineering $353,384 Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-8. Consideration of First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 46, Article VIII, Section 46-502, Entitled "Truancy" (PSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to introduce and hold the first reading of an ordinance which amends Chapter 46, Article VIII, Section 46-502, entitled "Truancy". Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to table consideration the proposed text amendment to the Code of Ordinances, and to schedule a second reading on December 8, 2015. Motion carried by all members present. A copy of the proposed text of this Ordinance is available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. The approved text of the Amendment will be published in the Canton Eagle/Associated Newspaper within the meeting minute's synopsis of the date of approval. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at www.canton-mi.org. **Item G-9. Consider Waiving the Bid Procedure and Authorization of a Lease Agreement for Golf Cars and Utility Vehicles for Pheasant Run Golf Club. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to waive the bid procedure and authorize the lease agreement for 112 golf cars and 3 utility vehicles for Pheasant Run Golf Club with Yamaha Golf Cars Plus, 607 N. Main St., Plainwell, MI 49080, in the amount of $69,142.50 per year from 2016 through 2020, plus a one-time documentation fee of $75, to be paid from account # 584-756-977-0000 (Capital Outlay Equipment). Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-10. Consider Authorization of a Lease of Cardiovascular Fitness Equipment. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to authorize the 3-year lease-to-own agreement for nine pieces of fitness equipment to Direct Fitness Solutions, 600 Tower Road, Mundelein, IL 60060 in the amount of $35,898.77 (3 annual payments of $11,966.26). Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-11. Approve IT Services – Fire Station #2 T1 Communications Line. (FBD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneideman to approve the contract with TDS Metrocom for T1 communications services, pending legal review, for a period of three (3) years for an amount not to exceed $12,024. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Dan McCausland inquired about public notification requirements for zoning overlay hearings. Supervisor LaJoy agreed to look into this for him. **OTHER:** Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz stated the Township Annual Tree Lighting will take place on Wednesday, December 2 at the Summit on the Park with festivities from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Participation Fees: $3 per resident child/$4 per non-resident child. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **Terry G. Bennett, Clerk**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish: December 10, 2015 EC121015-1228 2.5 x 10.536

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## Health center celebrates move

Western Wayne Family Health Centers, serving the Inkster and surrounding areas since 2005, celebrated a grand opening Oct. 29.

"We've tripled our patient care space-now we have 39 medical exam rooms, six dental operatories and offices for our behavioral health staff," said Linda Atkins, CEO. "In our previous location we had limited rooms and that added unnecessary delays for our patients. Now we not only have room to deliver the best care to our patients, but to grow to better serve more families." There are separate areas for adult, pediatric and women's health care, along with administrative staff offices in the new center which is very close to the former location.

Recognition and congratulations were offered at the grand opening by former Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton, State Reps. Julie Plawecki and Erika Geiss, former County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc and staff members from the offices of Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Congress Reps. Debbie Dingell and John Conyers, as well as representatives from the offices of state Sen. David Knezek and County Executive Warren Evans.

The address has changed to 2700 Hamlin Blvd., which is immediately behind the Inkster post office. The facility has kept the same phone number, (313)561-5100. More information can be found at www.WWFHC.org or on Facebook at Western Wayne Family Health Centers.

Western Wayne Family Health Center has locations in Inkster, Taylor and Lincoln Park and provided care to over 11,000 patients in 2014 with more than 32,000 encounters. Primary medical, general dentistry and behavioral health services are open to all, regardless of health insurance status.

Most insurance are accepted, including all Wayne County Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan coverage, and a sliding fee scale is available for those without health insurance. Insurance application assistance is also offered.

Local officials were on hand recently to celebrate the official grand opening of the new Western Wayne Family Health Center in Inkster. From left, former Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc; State Rep. Julie Plawecki; board members Bishop Walter Starghill Jr., David Ippel and William Miller; former Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton; board member Carolyn Kimbrough; CEO Linda Atkins; State Rep. Erika Geiss; board chair Pete Bergeron; board members Karl Laub and Patty Campbell and Inkster Fire Chief John Adams were all smiles at the official ribbon cutting at the new facility.

## Pennies for patients

Keith Martinez, a third-grade student at Edison Elementary school, helped coordinate the 4th annual Pennies for Patient campaign at the school recently. The campaign, a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, is a service program that actively involves students and teaches the importance of helping others.The school raised $1,230.57 to help cure leukemia, lymphoma and Hodgkin's disease. Students filled individual coin boxes at home then poured their money into classroom boxes to participate in a school-wide contest. Michelle Paul's kindergarten class won a free lunch from Olive Garden for bringing in the most donations.

# Wayne City Council will fill 2 terms with appointments

Members of the Wayne City Council will fill two vacancies with appointments within the next few weeks.

Mayor Susan Rowe resigned her council seat when she was elected as mayor and last week, former Mayor Jim Hawley submitted his resignation to the council. Hawley said he and his wife were retiring and moving to Florida.

Rowe's seat must be filled by Dec. 17, according to the Wayne City Charter, while the council will have until Jan. 4 to appoint someone to fill the remainder of Hawley's term.

The council has already received letters of interest in Rowe's term from eight residents. Among those expressing interest are Rowe's opponent for the mayor's seat, Bob Boertje; Ernestine Carter; Ryan Gabriel; former City Councilman David James; Jill Lezotte-Cates ; former City Councilman Matthew Mulholland, Mike Smith and Richard Terry Sutton.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
**Decedent's Estate**

**FILE NO.**
**2015-806423-DE**

**TO ALL CREDITORS:***

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Lillian H. Mobley, Deceased, died February 4, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the state will be forever barred unless presented to Christine A. Sylvester and Lynn M. Kroh, co-personal representatives, or to both the probate court at 1305 CAYMC, Two Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226 and the personal representative within months after the date of publication of this notice.

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# PLYMOUTH

## Plymouth water 'crucial' to Salem development

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Use of Plymouth Township water and sewer lines is crucial to a proposed 588 unit development planned in the northeast edge of Washtenaw County. Salem Springs, a development of Schostak Brothers, will include townhouses, detached condominiums and single-family homes.

Some Salem Township residents say the undeveloped area directly off M-14 and Godfredson Road is in the least desirable area of the township. The Schostak-owned land is mostly vacant except for a few sections used for crop farming. The parcels surrounding the property are zoned for residential or agricultural use. That zoning will change, officials said, if Plymouth Township agrees to sell water and sewer services to the area.

Salem Township Supervisor Gary Whittaker, 60, a packaging company executive spoke candidly last week about the Schostak development, focusing on the plan to build almost 240 homes at the corner of Napier and North Territorial Road on 50 acres, comparing it to the rapid "out of control" growth and commercial density in Lyon Township.

"It's called the USD Corridor," said Whittaker. It stands for Urban Service District and it's the dividing line between the two townships, Plymouth and Salem."

"If we can control the growth it will be a win-win for both communities," Whittaker said.

According to Whittaker, the developer approached former Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume "a few years ago," to cut a deal for water and sewer usage.

Whittaker said Schostak has been involved in litigation with township residents for years.

"They want everything to be right…they (Schostak) want big-box stores. It's not in the master plan."

The main question, according to Whittaker, is the capacity of Plymouth Township to provide services for 1400 acres.

Whittaker said he knows Plymouth Township has experienced water pressure issues in the past.

"A water tower would have to be in if there's capacity for the 1400 acres. The (Plymouth Township) tower by Home Depot…they didn't do it right," he said.

Whittaker said he recently met with Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price and Director of Public Services Patrick Felrath and talked with Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix to discuss the proposed water-sewer plans.

"You know the situation that happened over in Northville about the psychiatric hospital, well that was a Schostak deal and Price was fighting Schostak on that."

Whittaker was referring to the effort in 2008 by the City of Livonia to annex 414 acres of Northville Township property. The effort followed a protracted battle with Schostak who had purchased the land at Haggerty and Seven Mile Road, once the site of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. Agreement could not be reached between Northville Township and the developers. Bloomfield Hills based Real Estate Interests Group (REIS) and Schostak Bros. filed a lawsuit against Northville Township. A year later, REIS installed mobile homes on the property and the township approved occupancy permits for the stated purpose of having "guards" live on the site. These "residents" then filed legal paperwork to have the property annexed to Livonia.

Price confirmed last week he worked as the campaign manager for Northville Township in that2008 fight against Schostak Bros. and wanted to clarify that he has no special political connection with Schostak even though CEO Robert Schostak is a former chairman of the Michigan Republican Party and Price was director of constituent relations for State Attorney General Bill Schuette, a republican.

"I ran the campaign against him trying to annex the 440 acres of Livonia, so you got a situation where, you know, he (Schostak) spent $400,000 trying to annex 400 acres and I represented Northville and we spent $35,000 and he was unsuccessful. We were successful in stopping the annexation. He (Schostak) wasn't happy with me then," Price said.

In 2013 Hubbell, Roth and Clark were hired by Plymouth Township to study the feasibility of selling water and sewer services to Salem Springs. A report in 2013 indicated that the Plymouth Township sewer system was adequate but additional water main improvements along Napier to Powell Road and an elevated 1-million gallon water tower would be required.

The report indicated that a new supply point from the Detroit Water and Sewer Division at Joy and Napier Road with connections made to the existing water system along Napier south of North Territorial Road and at Napier and Powell Road.

Plymouth Township officials approved a new feasibility study earlier this month to be performed by Wade Trim. Schostak will fund the study.

"I heard they're an engineering outfit that will give you a true picture," Whittaker said of Wade Trim.

Whittaker said he was concerned about the Napier Road corridor.

"I just want to see both communities be successful and say this is a nice area when you drive down that corridor. It's going to be developed. My only interest is it's done right and looks right.

"Take the politics out of it," he said.

## Proposed marijuana dispensary awaiting decision

A proposed medical marijuana dispensary on Joy Road in Plymouth Township has been awaiting a response from officials since last August.

Stephanie Fischer of Ann Arbor is proposing the new facility, which is legal under state law after voters approved the distribution for specific medical conditions in 2008. There is still a federal law banning the sale and possession of marijuana in place.

Fischer distributes medical marijuana to patients from her home, but has proposed opening a storefront dispensary. She said that her request for an occupancy permit from the township has received no response from officials. She completed a required questionnaire for the permit in August, she said, and claims that she has met with Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, but has yet to receive any official decision on her application.

Fischer has appeared at two meetings of the township board of trustees seeking information during the public comment of the agenda, but has received no response to her requests. She subsequently hired attorney James Fiselski to represent her in her efforts to obtain the necessary permits from the township.

Supervisor Shannon Price indicated that he is reluctant to approach the issue, considering the conflicting state and federal laws regarding the sale of the substance, even for prescribed medical use. Price said he is organizing a committee to study the best approach to the situation and that Tiderington, a representative of the building department and trustees will be included.

Price said that Fischer's plan is to also rent growing space to other caregivers, who will grow marijuana at the site and allow for more patients to be serviced at the location. State law allows a registered caregiver to provide the drug to five patients and to grow up to 12 plants for each patient. Patients must have a state registration which requires a medical doctor's prescription for marijuana.

Fischer is currently paying rent on the 1,400 square foot building she hopes to open as her dispensary.

## Parking

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slaves were secreted. This was told by Mrs. Arthur Mills, of Plymouth who several years ago investigated some of the stories for a paper she was writing for the Plymouth Historical Society," Hanchett's research said.

"I think to demolish the site for a parking structure, would be a very poor way for this commission to honor those in Plymouth who risked their lives, limb and property, when they hid escaped slaves on the way to Canada. It would also be a poor way for the City of Plymouth to honor diversity," Sabo told the commission members.

"There are many other reasons why this site should not be demolished. I think if this commission voted to approve of demolition, in the eyes of residents and those that call Plymouth their home town, it would be a decision this commission, and Plymouth city government, will never recover from. I say this because it states on the City of Plymouth website, that primary duties of this commission is to safeguard the heritage of the City of Plymouth…foster civic beauty," he added.

The DDA owns the property, purchased from the Saxton family for a reported $2.25 million last year. No construction or demolition can take place at the site without the approval of the Historic Commission members since it is located within the city historic district.

According to Tony Bruscato of the DDA, the mission of the group "to add to the downtown parking stock, particularly on the Saxton's parcel, remains. It will simply require some additional time, energy, and creativity on our behalf to make it a reality."

He suggested in an email to local businesses that they should, "Keep an eye on the DDA board meeting agenda (every second Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. at city hall) as the Saxton's property is a monthly item."

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# Calendar of events

### Holiday Mill Lighting is Saturday

Wayne County Parks and the Friends of Nankin Mills will host the annual Family Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. There will be several holiday crafts, games and prizes for children in the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Starting at 5:15 p.m., there will be a short mill lighting ceremony and a sing-a-long. Children will have the opportunity to visit Santa at the conclusion of the mill lighting.

"The Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting is another way Wayne County Parks helps to spread the joy of the holidays," said Lawrence C. Hemingway, director of Wayne County Parks. "I encourage everyone to enjoy the Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting, our ongoing Lightfest and all of the great family-oriented events offered by Wayne County Parks."

There is no charge to enjoy the mill lighting and Santa visit. However, to participate in crafts and games, the cost is $6 per child and $2 per adult, for Wayne County residents and $7 per child and $3 per adult, for non-residents. Pre-registration is required by calling (734) 261-1990, Limited space available. For more information on the event, visit www.parks.waynecounty.com or call (734) 261-1990.

### Red Ryder Christmas on display

The Plymouth Historical Museum is showcasing a new exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story." The exhibit draws its inspiration from the popular 1980s movie, A Christmas Story, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

The exhibit includes period toys, clothing, and other artifacts. Visitors familiar with the movie will get a chuckle from the vignettes showing the Parker's living room, complete with "FRA-GEE-LAY" lamp; Flick getting his tongue stuck on a metal pole; the window at Higbee's Department Store and other memorable moments.

Each Saturday until Dec. 19, Santa Claus has promised to be present for visiting children. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays, as well as Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays

The museum is located at 155 S Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

### Spectacular tickets on sale

The Central City Christmas Spectacular will celebrate the magic of Christmas like never before with an all-new, experience as Santa Claus, Mrs.C, and Ellie take center stage with a large cast of performers from throughout the area.

Audiences will get a sneak peek at what really happens in the North Pole as Santa and his elves prepare for the big day.

There will be twirling ballerinas, dancing Toy Soldiers and a sleigh ride around the world with Santa and his magical reindeer.

Seven performances are planned at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton, at 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14 and 15,at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 and at noon and 4 p.m. on Sunday Dec. 17 through Dec. 20. Tickets are $23 and are on sale at Central City Dance Center, 6700 Canton Center Road, Canton. Tickets are reserved seating and cannot be purchased the day of the show.

For more information, visit Central City Dance at www.centralcitydance.com,or call(734) 459-0400.

### Blankets are needed

Plymouth Community United Way is holding a Blanket Drive in support of the homeless community through Jan. 15, 2016.

Blankets must be new, or handmade, and can be dropped at the Plymouth Community United Way office. The address is 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

### Story time for families set

The Belleville Are District Library hosts Family Storytime at 6:30 p.m. through Dec. 14.

The storytime is for children in preschool through elementary classes, ages 4 through 10.

Toddler Time storytimes take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays through Dec. 15 and at 11 a.m. Thursday mornings through Dec. 17.

This program is designed for children ages 2 through 4.

Registration is available at the library circulation desk. The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

The library will host Santo from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Dec. 21.

### Book Club to meet

The Second Monday Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Romulus Library for a discussion of Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford.

The discussion is free and open to those ages 18 and older. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (734) 942-7589. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

### Senior Book Club meeting set

The Senior Book Club meets at 10:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Romulus Senior Center, 6525 Bibbins St.

The club will meet Dec. 15 to discuss The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith. Library staff can assist with securing a copy of the book for the discussion.

### Society serves holiday tea

The Canton Historical Society Third Annual Christmas Tea will take place at 1 p.m. Dec. 12.

The event is planned at the Bartlett-Travis House, one of the oldest homes in the township, which will be decorated for the holidays in circa 1900 Christmas finery. Participants can take a step back in time as they enjoy a holiday afternoon tea. The house is located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. Guests will enjoy an assortment of teas, mini-quiches, sandwiches, and desserts.

Musical entertainment will be provided by harpist Laurel Federbush. Event seating is limited to 20 guests. Tickets for the tea are $25 per person or $20 for Canton Historical Society members and are on sale only at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

For more information about the event, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call (734) 397-3048.

### Goodfellows event planned

Tickets are now on sale for the 29th Annual Wayne Goodfellows Fundraiser planned for 6 p.m. until midnight Dec. 12.

The event will feature raffles, auctions and a "button" prize. Donated items include some sports memorabilia along with several other items, organizers said.

The event will take place at Hype Athletics, the former Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe St. in Wayne. The $25 admission fee included a 7 p.m. dinner buffet prepared by Chef Tony, entry into a drawing for a door prize and a cash bar.

Pre-sale only, a table of 10 can be purchased for the price of only nine admissions, or $225, a $25 savings.

Music will be provided by DJ Dock and photos will be taken by The Best of Detroit.

Tickets are now on sale at Henry's Service Center on Wayne Road, (734) 722-1111 or email jengietzen@gmail.com.

The Wayne Goodfellows is a registered 501 c (3) organization.

### Seniors celebrate the season

The Canton Club 55+ Annual Holiday Celebration is planned for noon until 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Summit on the Park Grand Ballroom.

This special luncheon event will include prizes, entertainment, and a holiday meal prepared by Katherine's Catering at the Summit. Sounds of the season will be provided by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Choir.

Registration for the event is available at the Summit Front Desk or the Canton Club 55+. Ticket prices are $19 for residents and $24 for non-residents.

Participants are asked to register by Dec. 14. Invited guests (55 and under) are also welcome to register.

No refunds will be issued for cancellations made within 24 hours of the event. This year's raffle will benefit Canton Goodfellows' "No Child Without a Christmas."

For more information, call (734) 394-5485 or visit www.summit onthepark.org.

### County Lightfest is open

The 4-mile Wayne County Lightfest holiday display is now open.

Lightfest features more than 47 giant animated holiday themed displays. The entire light show has been converted to environmentally beneficial LED lights.

Lightfest is open from 7-10 p.m. Monday - Thursday; from 6-10 p.m. Friday - Sunday through Dec. 31. The exhibit is closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. There is a $5 fee per vehicle. Hines Drive closes to traffic at 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday and at 5 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

A third Toy Night is planned for Dec.15 when the community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the $5 vehicle fee.

Santa's Workshop at Warrendale Park at the end of the Lightfest drive will be open through Dec. 23, concurrent with the Lightfest hours of operation.

Letters to Santa can be mailed in the giant mailbox outside Santa's Workshop.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

### Dream Creatures on exhibit

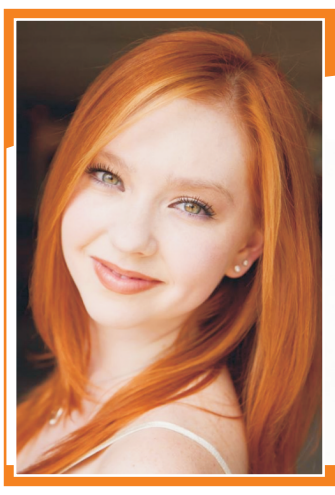
The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will present "Dream Creatures," a mixed media solo exhibition featuring the works of Took Gallagher through Jan. 31, 2016 in the Gallery@VT.

Displayed works include collages, plaster cloth sculptures, and hand sewn items turn into dreamlike creatures based on the images the artist has seen emerge from the layers of paper, paint, and cloth that were used in her pieces.

Gallagher is a self-taught artist whose inspiration comes from many sources, including song lyrics, fairy tales, dreams, and misheard snippets of passing conversations, according to a prepared release.

This multi-media art exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday - Friday and during public performances at the theater. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

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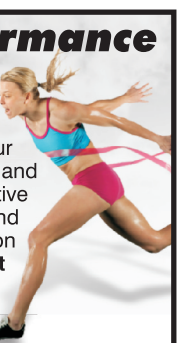

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